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# DEAN'S CORNER



Hello from the beautiful NWHC, a vibrant part of Prairie View A&M University serving the higher education needs of citizens of northwest Houston. A very happy mother's day to all the mothers on this campus!

We are coming to the end of a busy academic year and an eventful spring 2015 semester. The number of students has grown steadily to nearly 800 students in nearly ten different graduate and undergraduate programs taking courses at the NWHC. If you come on a regular weekday after 5 pm, the front parking lot is nearly full and some students have started parking in the rear of the building.

The registration for summer and fall 2015 has begun – and the numbers are looking strong, especially for the fall semester. Please help us by registering for your courses early, and encourage your friends to also register early.

Although NWHC scholarship is available during the regular semesters only, we may have some funds to support a few special groups of students – those who are graduating in August or December this year, and those in the new fledgling undergraduate degree completion pro-

grams. The scholarship criteria has been revised for new recipients to be implemented this fall. The purpose is to ensure that a larger number of students are able to benefit from these scholarships.

We continue to work to increase and enhance student services at the NWHC. After nearly three years of planning, the construction of the fitness center is underway. It will take up two rooms on the ground floor and will have one room with state of art exercise equipment, while the second room will be for group exercises. Some of the equipment comes with television and other gadgets. The fitness room, supported by a student fee, is free for the NWHC students, and will be available to the faculty and staff on monthly payments. In the beginning we will have limited hours, but will expand these as the use increases.

The student ID services are now available online. Students can go online to register and upload their pictures. The ID cards can be picked up at the NWHC or can be mailed to their home address. These smart cards can also double up as a debit card. You will need a student ID for access to the fitness center.

Based on a recent survey of students, we have made a number of improvements. All seats in the women's restroom are slated for replacement. The department heads have been informed of extra resources and encouraged to offer more courses at the NWHC. Most computers in the computer labs will be upgraded to new ones. We have introduced tutorial services and special testing. We are planning to bring in hot meal options in the fall 2015 semester. To increase awareness of this campus, we are inviting the area businesses to reserve meeting space at NWHC on a limited basis. We appreciate the nice comments made regarding staff responsiveness and friendliness. Your feedback is always welcome.

I wish you a productive and restful summer. If you are taking classes this summer – we have plenty of choice – I will see you. If not, I look forward to seeing you back in the fall semester.

Sincerely,

Dr. Munir Quddus  
Dean and Associate Provost  
May 12, 2015

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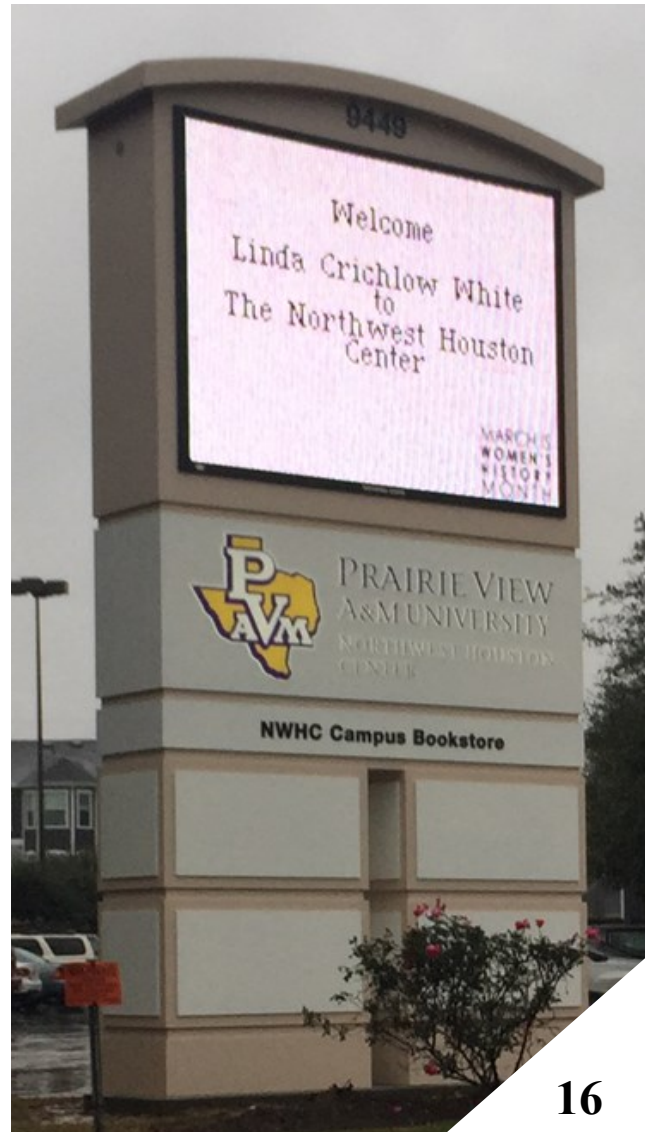
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# FILMMAKER J.MALONE @NWHC



The NWHC became a scene for a film when PVAMU alum Filmmaker J. Malone used the campus library and classroom to film a video entitled: *"Champion"*, a story of two people struggling to get ahead. One person attends medical school (actress above and in the picture below) the other person is a boxer (not pictured).

In the scene below the actress is studying for an exam in the library. The Distance Services Librarian, Elizabeth Jean Brumfield got to play the role of a Medical School Professor (above). Mr. Malone offered to give back to PVAMU by sharing his talents teaching photography and filmmaking in a Continuing Education class to be offered at the NWHC.



# **NWHC COMMUNITY SUPPORT**

**Providing meeting space for community organizations.  
Below are two organizations currently utilizing our campus space agreement.**

**A fee may be required to reserve space.**

**For more information or to reserve space contact:  
Valerie Mendoza, Customer Service Coordinator  
713-790-7281**



IconoTheatrix (ITX) is a new youth theatre committed to bringing excellence and professional quality youth productions to the Houston area. ITX was founded in October of 2014 by David Allen, Eboni Bell, Kristen Del Bosque, and Logan Vaden.

IconoTheatrix was founded on the idea that hard work, discipline, creativity, and teamwork are important tools for every young actor to develop. We believe that young minds will deliver what they feel is expected. We want to create an environment where children feel safe and free to express themselves and to be who they are. We plan to bring classes, workshops, and innovative, challenging shows to the community. We believe that consistency is important and we plan to maintain a steady pace of work for you and your families to be a part of. Above all else the honesty of the works performed is most important because then it is true art. We are willing to break from tradition to do new and exciting things, offering a diverse experience to take into the future. We want to provide a professional environment so, that when our students head into the real world of college and auditions, they are well prepared. Our team is made up of young fresh minds focused on bringing positive progression to the area of youth theatre. For more information please contact the organization or go to their website: <http://www.iconotheatrix.org/#!/about/c139r>



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**Meeting space is available@ NWHC**

# Teacher of the Year Latisha Bowers —NWHC Graduate



Every year campuses across the Spring Independent School District are challenged to select one “best” teacher out of many highly-qualified teachers to represent their school in the district’s teacher of the year competition. “Using Harris County Region 4 guidelines, the criteria for selection are rigorous. It is a high honor for a teacher to be chosen to represent their campus,” said Kimberly Fonteno, Workforce Development Officer.

The next step in the process becomes even more challenging as a district committee carefully considers each candidate for the top-ten finalists’ positions. Five elementary and five secondary finalists are selected from the teachers. District teachers of the year will be selected from the 10 finalists. The Spring ISD Secondary and Elementary Teachers of the Year announced at the Spring ISD Employee Recognition Banquet May 14 that Latisha Bowers was Spring High School’s Teacher of the Year. Latisha Bowers just graduated from the Masters in Counseling program from the College of Education, taking

classes at the Northwest Houston Center. Latisha has been teaching at Spring High School since 2009. She teaches 10 grade and is the English II team leader and the English Department chair. When asked what her motivation was to succeed she said: “I just graduated with my Masters in Counseling. My dream is to one day teach at the college level and to have my own private practice.”

The entire Northwest Houston Center faculty and staff applaud Ms. Bowers and wish her much success.

**CONGRATULATIONS**



## Continuing Education Free Lectures

The NWHC and the Continuing Education Office provided a series of free lectures and nominal fee classes at the NWHC. Please keep checking the NWHC website as these and other great lectures/classes are offered: <http://www.pvamu.edu/northwest/>

### Entrepreneurship for Technology Driven Businesses

The class is designed for students who are using technology as a mean for a business venture. This class provides students with the skills and knowledge needed to develop their ideas using techniques designed by business accelerators and 3-day-startup programs.

### Insurance Basics—Presented by Danny Harvey

Industry expert Danny Harvey will discuss insurance in a broad format while providing enough detail so the average attendee will leave with enough information to make sound decisions about their individual and family needs.

### Insurance 101—Presented by Cleveland Stiff

Industry expert Cleveland Stiff will discuss insurance in a broad format while providing enough detail so the average attendee will leave with enough information to make sound decisions about their individual and family needs

### What does my retirement look like? Presented by Russell Appelget

Get answers to questions such as these: “Will my family be taken care of if I can no longer provide for them?” “Will I be able to continue living as I do now in my retirement years?”

### App Development Class—Presented by Elizabeth Jean Brumfield

This class will introduce participants to mobile apps, include discussions on mobile design and development, with and without using code. Participants will start their own mobile app and leave motivated to explore more development options.

# Energy Auditor Training Cooperative Extension

Prairie View A&M University hosted an informational session and training workshops for the Energy Auditor Business Program. Christopher Cotton, Program Specialist for Cooperative Extension recruited community residents interested in learning how to create their own business in the utilities field. Ms. Bridget Ross, Director, PVAMU Small Business Development Center was instrumental in contacting vendors and coordinating arrangements. Ross joined the SBDC in March and is tasked with assisting small business owners in developing strategies, attracting customers, increasing sales and improving productivity and profitability, all free services provided by the SBDC for clients in Waller and Grimes counties

The Energy Auditors program equips successful participants with the knowledge and resources to start & run an Energy Auditor business – which can reduce business and residential clients’ energy bills. In addition to reducing the financial strain of clients’ utilities, these energy audits help reduce the environmental impact of each building that is successfully upgraded.

Energy audits are performed on buildings to analyze how much energy is being consumed, how much could be saved and determining the best way to increase these savings. Auditors look for deficiencies in the building, such as insufficient insulation, interior/exterior leaks, old/faulty fixtures, etc. They are then able to suggest and install needed upgrades to ensure that the building uses the least amount of energy possible in its everyday operations – be it a home, office, or otherwise. After the upgrade installations are complete, the Auditor then tests the usefulness of the upgrades to ensure that the job was done successfully and that the building’s efficiency has indeed improved. **New classes start June 1st to 5th.**

**Pictured below: Christopher Cotton (standing second from far left) and class participants**



# TEEX @ NWHC

The Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) is an internationally recognized leader in the delivery of emergency response, homeland security and workforce training and exercises, technical assistance, and economic development. Last year, TEEX served more than 169,000 people from every U.S. state and territory and 79 countries worldwide.

TEEX operates a comprehensive emergency preparedness campus, which includes some of the world's top training facilities in the Brayton Fire Training Field, Disaster City® and the Emergency Operations Training Center, as well as state-of-the-art facilities for public utilities, law enforcement and unexploded ordnance training. As part of the National Domestic Preparedness Consortium and home to the National Emergency Response and Rescue Training Center, TEEX has been a leader in homeland security training since 1998. The agency also sponsors the state's elite urban search and rescue team, Texas Task Force 1, standing ready to respond at a moment's notice in times of disaster.

Whether at one of TEEX's recognized facilities or at customer-specified locations worldwide, quality services are tailored to meet our clients' specific needs. TEEX collaborates with resources within The Texas A&M University System to provide a unique blend of research and technical expertise. TEEX has the ability to offer a full-range of services and delivery methods. Upcoming classes include:

- HWS114 – Train-The-Trainer Flagger – 4 Hours: This course is designed for industry professional supervisors responsible for work zone safety zone operations who wish to become trainers of flaggers. (Training dates: June 11th and Aug 6)
- HWS110 – Flagger in Work Zones – 4 Hours: This class is required by TxDot to work on all State Highway projects and many City and County projects as well. It is open to all works who work with the Right-Of-Way of streets, highways and freeways. Participants will learn proper flagger positioning and operational techniques required to protect road crews. (Training dates: June 11 and Aug 6)
- HWS005 Work Zone Refresher – 6 Hours: This course is for those Train-The-Trainer Flaggers who need to renew their certification or anyone who has taken the Work Zone Traffic Control class and would like new and updated information as a short refresher class. The training is conducted by a TEEX instructor. (Training dates: June 12th and Aug 7th)

For more information contact the Continuing Education Office: <http://www.pvamu.edu/occe/>



TEEX instructor and students



# ADA Rules for Service Animals

Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) generally requires places of public accommodation to modify their practices and policies to permit the use of service animals by individuals with disabilities. Here's what businesses need to know about the ADA's rules for service animals:

## What is a Service Animal?

The ADA defines "service animal" as "any dog that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability, including a physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual, or other mental disability." 28 C.F.R. § 36.104. While there are slightly different rules for miniature horses under the ADA, the ADA's rules for "service animals" are limited to trained dogs.

## Where Can Service Animals Go?

Unless an exception applies, an individual with a disability may be accompanied by a service animal wherever members of the public are allowed to go. 28 C.F.R. § 36.302(c)(7).

## What Exceptions Apply?

A public accommodation may ask an individual to remove a service animal from the premises if either: (i) the animal is out of control and the animal's handler does not take effective action to control it; or (ii) the animal is not housebroken. If this occurs, the public accommodation must give the individual with a disability the opportunity to obtain goods, services, and accommodations without having the service animal on the premises. 28 C.F.R. § 36.302(c)(2-3).

## What inquiries may a public accommodation make about a service animal?

A public accommodation may not make any inquiries about a service animal if it is readily apparent that the animal is trained to do work or perform tasks for an individual with a disability (e.g., a dog guiding a blind person, pulling a wheelchair, etc...). If this is not readily apparent, the public accommodation may only ask two questions: (i) if the animal is required because of a disability; and (ii) what work or task the animal has been trained to perform. A public accommodation may not inquire about the extent or nature of an individual's disability, nor may it require documentation or proof that the animal has been certified, trained, or licensed as a service animal. 28 C.F.R. § 36.302(c)(6). **For more information visit the Americans with Disability website: ADA.gov or the U.S. Justice Department , Service Animals website: [http://www.ada.gov/service\\_animals\\_2010.pdf](http://www.ada.gov/service_animals_2010.pdf)**



Northwest Houston Center canine visitor in her Service Animal ADA uniform

If you are a person needing assistive services please contact the Office of Disability Services: <http://www.pvamu.edu/sa/office-of-diagnostic-testing-and-disability-services/>

## Highway Construction Training



The Northwest Houston Center will host training sessions for those interested in a career in the highway construction industry. The two-week academy will provide hands-on training that should increase a student's ability to be hired by highway contractors. Selected candidates will receive training in a variety of fields: Introduction to the Highway Construction Industry Heavy Equipment and Skid Steer Training, OSHA Construction Course Flagger's in Work Zone training, Geographical Information Systems Training, Job Application and Interview Techniques Personal Finance and Money Management Skills.

**Class begin in June contact the Office of Continuing Education: <https://www.pvamu.edu/oce/>**

**Congratulations  
to all NWHC  
graduates and  
their families**







# Money Smart Week @ NWHC

Financial Literacy was on the agenda during Money Smart Week in April. With thanks from Wells Fargo, VISA, Coleman Library and the NWHC staff many students and residents learned how to better manage their money, how to invest, and how to reduce credit card debt.



## How can mobile technology improve financial literacy for today's young adults?

Millennials, also known as Generation Y, refers to the demographic group who was born between the years of 1980 and the early 2000s that represents over two billion people worldwide – larger than any other generational category. Millennials are the first generation to mature alongside innovations of the current digital era, with instant access to nearly anything including money management tools at the palm of their hands. Identifying mobile technology resources to improve their financial literacy was the focus of the Financial Literacy Summit on April 15, 2015 in Chicago, IL. The ninth annual Financial Literacy Summit, co-hosted by the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago and Visa Inc., brought together senior international financial literacy experts from governments, the financial services industry, NGOs, the news media and academia to discuss improving millennials financial literacy using mobile technology.

Pictured: Distance Services Librarian and Jason Alderman, Vice President of Global Financial Education, VISA.





**Professor  
Paul Stafford, Esq.  
to be  
Juneteenth Speaker  
June 17, 2015  
5:00 pm**

**Professor Paul Stafford, Esq. is licensed by the State of Texas and in the Federal District Courts, Northern, Southern, Eastern, and Western Districts of Texas.**

**He was named a Rising Star by Law & Politics and Texas Monthly magazine for three consecutive years (2005; 2006; 2007). In 2007, Paul was named an “Outstanding Alumnus” by the Black Law Students Association of Texas Tech University School of Law.**

In 2008, Paul was named one of the Eight Top Lawyers in Dallas by Eclipse magazine. Law & Politics and Texas Monthly named him a Super Lawyer in 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2013, and a Super Lawyer – Corporate Counsel in 2010. Paul was also named one of five Finalists by Texas Lawyer in The Go-To Guide for Commercial Litigation, 2012 (published once every five years).

Paul attended Texas A&M University and earned a Bachelor of Science in Political Science (minor in Economics) in 1990. After graduating from A&M, Paul attended Texas Tech University School of Law and earned a Juris Doctorate in 1994. While at Texas Tech, Paul was a founding member of the Black Law Students Association, a member of the Board of Barristers, a member of Phi Delta Phi, and was named Who’s Who Among American Law Students.

Between 1994 and 1998, Paul served first as an Assistant District Attorney in Denton County, Texas, followed by service as an Assistant District Attorney in Dallas County, Texas. While in Dallas, he served as a felony prosecutor in the Organized Crime Division, trying numerous cases to conviction. Paul has tried numerous civil cases as well. In 1998, Paul began practicing civil litigation with Amis & Bell in Arlington, Texas, where he was named “Trial Horse of the Year” in 1999 and again in 2000. Paul joined Werstein, Smith & Wilson in 2002, focusing on commercial general liability defense.

In 2004, Paul joined the Dallas office of Hughes & Luce LLP (now K&L Gates LLP) as a Senior Trial Attorney practicing in the areas of business litigation, complex commercial litigation, insurance law, and white collar crime. While at Hughes & Luce, Paul was instrumental of the formation of the Insurance Practice Group. In 2008, Paul formed The Stafford Law Firm, and in 2012, Paul became a founding partner of CARTER STAFFORD ARNETT HAMADA & MOCKLER, PLLC., a majority-minority owned litigation boutique focusing primarily on the areas of insurance litigation, complex commercial & business litigation, and intellectual property, as well as labor & employment matters. In addition, Paul has been an Adjunct Professor at Texas Tech University School of Law since 2002, having taught Insurance Law, as well as Trial Advocacy and Interviewing & Counseling. Throughout the years, Paul has authored and presented numerous articles, papers, and CLE presentations on insurance, e-discovery, and litigation.

**Aside from being a seasoned litigator, Paul has been active in the state and local legal community since law school. Paul served as President of the Dallas Bar Association in 2012, and is a past member of several State Bar of Texas committees. In addition, Paul served as the President of the J. L. Turner Legal Association in 2002, has served on the Board of Trustees of the Dallas Bar Foundation since 2005, and has served on the Board of the Texas Tech Law School Foundation since 2012.**

**Professor Paul Stafford theme for Juneteenth will be Civil Rights and the Judicial System.**



The Prairie View community had the honor of hosting Dr. Ivory Toldson, Deputy Director for the White House Initiative on HBCUs, during Black History month.

Dr. Toldson spent the entire day at the university meeting with the President, Dr. George Wright, followed by the Deans and Directors, then the Leadership PVAMU cohort, before delivering his inspirational and enlightening speech: ***“Learn Black History, not Black “Hear-story”: Debunking the Myths, Reclaiming the Narrative, and Affirming the Legacy of African Americans”***. His speech made listeners re-think how statistics affect us, and how important it is to question and examine research done on minorities, especially those in the African American community. Some of the stereotypes that we take for granted are true based on what we perceive as legitimate research may in fact not be accurate.

He used the example of the popular stereotypes that “There are more African American men in prison than in college”. He said when that research he was a doctoral student at Temple which was one of the universities where the statistics were derived from. However, according to the statistics he nor any of his fellow African American colleagues were included as being in college. This prompted him to conduct research for himself to disprove the stereotype, which he successful was able to do.

## **Dr. Ivory Toldson Deputy Director for the White House Initiative on HBCUs Black History Speaker**

Prior to Dr. Toldson’s current role he served as an associate professor at Howard University, senior research analyst for the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, and editor-in-chief of The Journal of Negro Education. He was also contributing education editor for The Root, where he debunked some of the most pervasive myths about African-Americans in his Show Me the Numbers column.

Dr. Toldson has more than 60 publications, including 4 books, and more than 150 research presentations in 36 US states, Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic, Scotland, South Africa, Paris, and Barcelona. He has been featured on MSNBC, C-SPAN2 Books, NPR News, POTUS on XM Satellite Radio, and numerous local radio stations. His research has been featured in The Washington Post, The New York Times, The Root, The National Journal, Essence Magazine, and Ebony Magazine.

Dubbed a leader “who could conceivably navigate the path to the White House” by the Washington Post, one of “30 leaders in the fight for Black men,” by Newsweek Magazine, and the “Problem Solver” by Diverse: Issues In Higher Education, Dr. Toldson, according to U.S. Secretary Arne Duncan, is “a prolific young scholar and myth buster.” According to Capstone Magazine, “Toldson has spent a lot of time traveling across the country talking with teachers about misleading media statistics that invariably either link Black males to crime or question their ability to learn.”

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# Coleman Library Guest Speaker Roy Malonson

The Coleman Library welcomed as one of its special guest speakers for Black History month, Mr. Roy Douglas Malonson .

Mr Malonson has raised the consciousness of African American entrepreneurs about possibilities. Polio in 1950 left him with physical limits but had no effect on his vision and drive. His late father, John Curley Malonson, Sr., challenged him by saying, "Something is wrong with your leg, but there is nothing wrong with your mind. So work with what you have"

Malonson has donated both time and financial support to many educational and community organizations. He



helped found the Acres Home War on Drugs, Acres Home Citizen Chamber of Commerce, Acres Home Community Development Corp, Acres Home Coalition Administrative School, the first charter school in Texas, Acres Home Center for Business & Economic Development. He was the driving force behind Aldine ISD Montessori /Magnet Programs, Lone Star Community College System Victory Center, he closed the deal on the Acres Home Multiservice Center and the Acres Home Police Station. New Companies Founded by The Malonson's: In 1992 - Shirley Ann's Black Art & Kollectibles Showroom, one of the largest in the nation. In 1996 - African American News & Issues, the largest African American newspaper in Texas and one of the largest in the nation. In 1998 - Purchased two Domino's Pizza, South Victory / Ella and controlling a total of ten in Houston. In 1998 - Malonson RS Ranch in Harris County. In 2004 - RS Deer Ranch in Waller County, one of two African American Whitetail Deer Breeders in the nation. In 2013 - Shirley Ann's Flower Shop. In 2014 - RS Deer & Cattle Ranch in Waller County. In 2014 - Shirley Ann's Black Kollectibles & Flowers. Shirley Ann Malonson, his wife of 32 years, is now the company's President and CEO. (bio submitted by Marion Williams c/o Roy Malonson) .

**Pictured above: Dr. Rosie Albritton, Directory Library Services, Mr. Malonson, Marion William, and Mrs. Malonson. Pictured below: Library staff, students and visitors with Mr. Malonson**



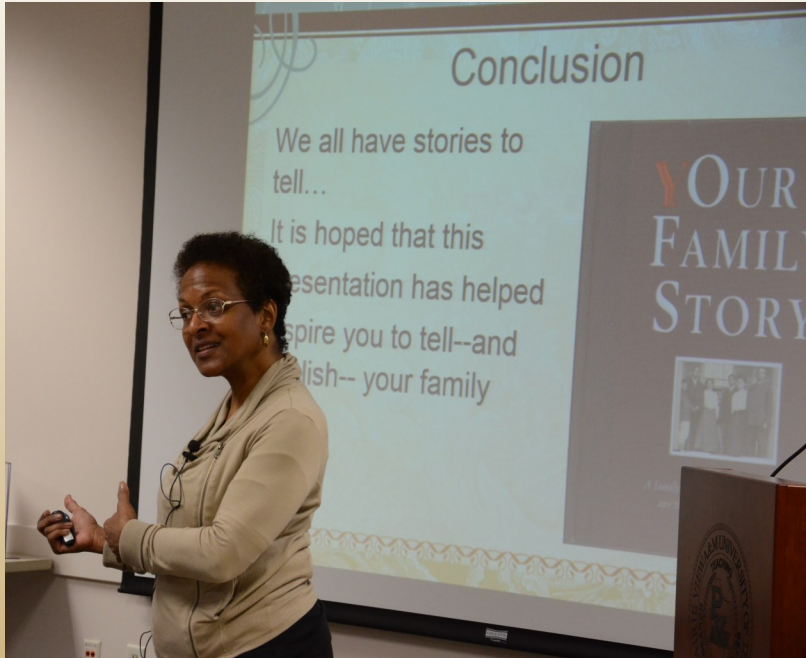
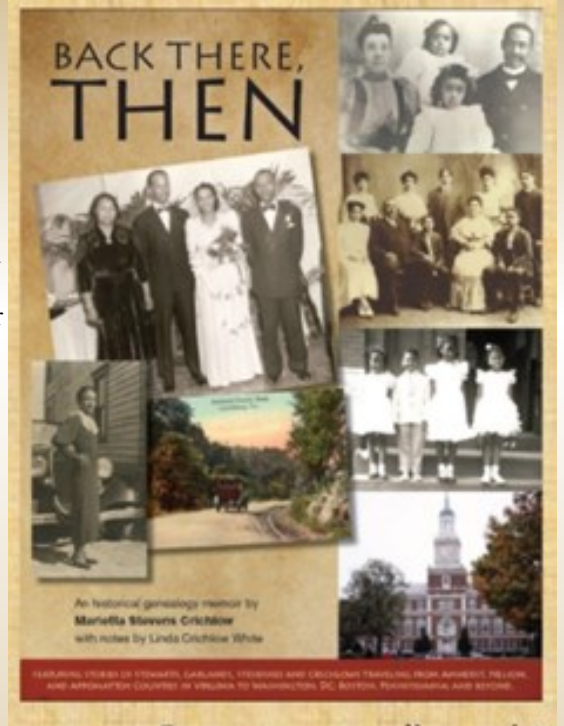
# Author—Linda Crichlow White Women's History Month Speaker



The NWHC and the Coleman Library hosted Genealogist author Linda Crichlow White as the special guest speaker for Women's History month.

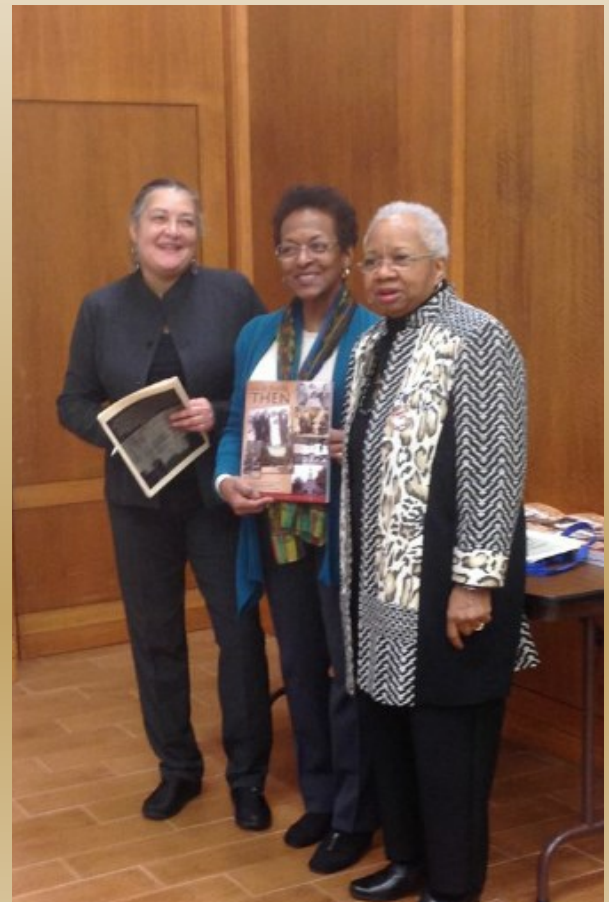
The author of **"Back There Then"** encouraged attendees to preserve your history and document your story.

Many of the stories in the book will resonant with readers.



"Back There Then" is a good book for anyone interested in genealogy. Recorded by Marietta Crichlow, this book chronicles stories of some Glovers, Garlands, Stevens, Crichlow's and others....beginning before the Civil War and tied to Nelson County; Appomattox County; and Lynchburg, Virginia; and continuing in the 20th century to Boston; Duquesne, Pennsylvania, and Washington, DC-notably the Petworth neighborhoods. Marietta and family are descended from people who were enslaved by Wilmer McLean in Manassas Appomattox Court House in Virginia. It was in Wilmer McLean's home that Robert E. Lee surrendered to Ulysses S. Grant in 1865. Our ancestors were there. The stories tell some of the trails the family took over the ensuing years.

Linda's appearance was also affirmation for all librarians because she acknowledges in her book that many, including a PVAMU librarian, motivated and assisted her in the research and writing.





# Coleman Library News



**Dr. Rosie L. Albritton, Director, University Library Services, The John B. Coleman Library, is pleased to announce the selection of Kimberly M. Gay as the Representative-at-Large for all Texas Academic Libraries for the Texas Library Association (TLA).**

Throughout her three-year board appointment, Gay will work with TLA and all Texas Academic Libraries to help support, promote and Gay, who holds a Master of Library Science Degree from Texas Woman's University, currently serves as the Head of Reference and Information Services and the Reference Instruction Librarian.

Gay has been a member of TLA for more than ten-years. As a member, she chaired state library committees, planned conferences and hosted Former First Lady Laura Bush – a librarian by trade. Gay is looking forward to this new opportunity to serve at TLA.

TLA is the largest state library association in the U.S. Its 7,000 plus members are employed in all types of libraries: academic, public, school, and special. TLA was established in 1902 to promote, support, and improve library services in Texas. TLA policy is set by a governing Council of elected leaders and is implemented by a board of directors (TLA Executive Board) and staff. For more information about TLA, visit <http://www.txla.org/> (Taken from PVAMU Spotlight: <http://www.pvamu.edu/news/2015/04/10/kimberly-m-gay-appointed-to-the-texas-library-associations-executive-board/>)

**Sammie L. Johnson is well known on the Northwest Houston Center campus. He completed not one but two degrees at the Northwest Houston Center. He is currently working on his third degree from Prairie View, a doctorate in Educational Leadership.**

In his current role at PVAMU, Sammie oversees the day to day operations of the art gallery on the 4th floor of the Coleman Library. He has been responsible for producing engaging art based programs like the Creative Panther, which allows students to showcase their art to the campus body. Johnson also works closely with the 5th graders from Jones Elementary School in Waller County to teach them about the arts.

(Retrieved from PVAMU "1876" magazine: <http://www.pvamu.edu/marcomm/communications/publications/1876-a-magazine-for-alumni-faculty-and-supporters/>)



**Special Collections and Archives Department celebrated Preservation Week** a variety of activities including an update to the Archives website. The website is more interactive and engaging. Check out the example of photograph conservation treatment on the website: <https://www.pvamu.edu/library/special-collectionsarchives/preservation-week/>



# **Coleman Library News— Continued**



**LISA STAFFORD  
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS LIBRARIAN  
JOHN B. COLEMAN LIBRARY  
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY**

When Lisa Stafford was a young girl growing up in Prairie View, Texas, the college campus was her playground and it provided some of the only forms of entertainment. One of the few places her parents allowed her to go on the college campus, besides her father's office, was the W.R. Banks Library. In particular, she and her siblings would go to the Children's Reading Room for programs and the Learning Resource Center before exploring the stacks for interesting books. This was one of her first introductions to libraries. It started for Lisa what would eventually become a lifelong love, respect and appreciation for libraries.

Lisa Stafford has come back home, after years of urging on the part of our beloved Mrs. Jimmizine Taylor, former Circulation/Reference/SpecialCollections/ Archives Librarian (may her soul rest in peace). On October 15, 2014 she began her tenure as the Special Collections Librarian with Prairie View A&M University John B. Coleman Library.

A native Houstonian and a "Campus Child" in Prairie View, Lisa is very familiar with Prairie View A & M University and the surrounding communities. She is the youngest daughter of Dr. and Mrs. George H. Stafford, both HBCU graduates. Her mother, Mrs. Eula Patrick Stafford is a Home Economics/Interior Design graduate and former Campus Queen of Tuskegee University (formerly Tuskegee Institute). Her father, an Agriculture Bachelors and Masters graduate of Prairie View, was an outstanding athlete in football, basketball and baseball. Both of her parents attended Cornell University in Ithaca, New York. Additionally, they both worked for Prairie View A & M University, but her father eventually worked for the University for fifty (50) years in the capacity of Director of Admissions/Counseling, Interim Athletic Director, Instructor in Agricultural Economics and Director of Developmental Studies until he went to be with the Lord in 1999. Ms. Stafford continues a legacy with Prairie View A&M University started by her paternal grandmother's family (Mrs. Bessie Lee Barrens Stafford) nearly one hundred (100) years ago.

Lisa attended the Waller I.S.D. schools before attending The University of Texas at Austin where she received her Bachelors of Arts degree in English and Masters of Library and Information Science degree with an Endorsement of Specialization in Legal Informatics.

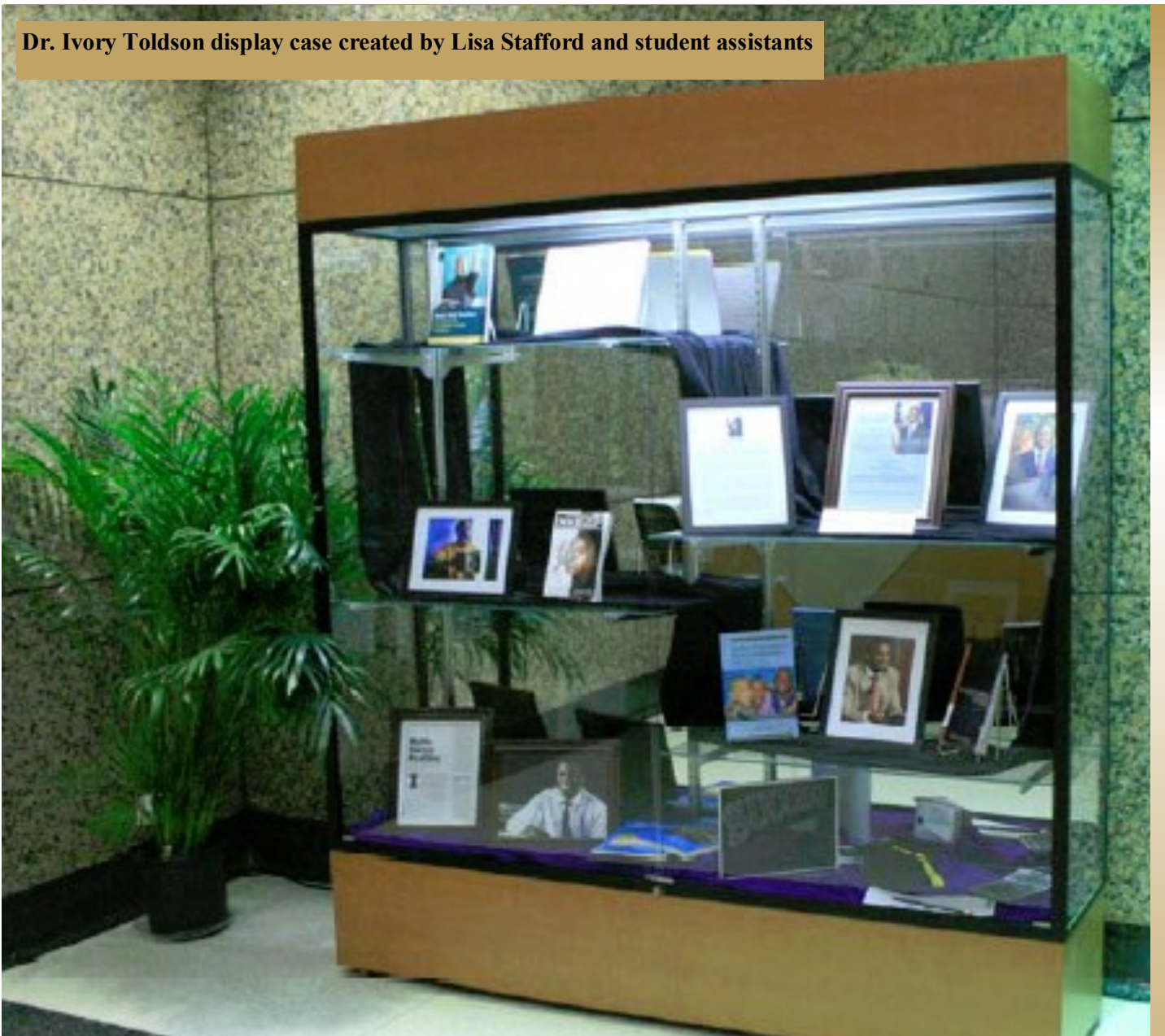
## **Coleman Library hires a new librarian and welcomes back a PVAMU friend**

In building her professional portfolio over the last thirty (30) years Ms. Stafford has worked in many challenging environments, including legal, corporate, private, public and academic.

Lisa is an accomplished musician on the piano and clarinet as well as a vocalist. A huge Houston Rockets and Astros fan, she enjoys watching basketball and baseball. She plays softball and basketball and has trained then completed several half-marathons as a race walker, including one in Alaska. Her passions are travelling, fine dining, fine wine and fine art. Some of her greatest blessings in life are her loving and supportive family and her fantastic son Tyler. As for being back in PV AMU Lisa has said, "I have come full circle."

### **Welcome Lisa!**

Dr. Ivory Toldson display case created by Lisa Stafford and student assistants



## Dr. Ivory Toldson—Continued

Dr. Toldson was named in the 2013 The Root 100, an annual ranking of the most influential African-American leaders.

After completing coursework for a Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology at Temple University, Dr. Toldson became a correctional and forensic psychology resident at the United States Penitentiary. There, he completed his dissertation on Black Men in the Criminal Justice System. Upon completion, Dr. Toldson joined the faculty of Southern University and became the fourth recipient of the prestigious DuBois Fellowship from the US Department of Justice. He also served as the clinical director of the Manhood Training Village. He has received formal training in applied statistics from the University of Michigan, and held visiting research and teacher appointments at Emory, Drexel, and Morehouse School of Medicine.

Dr. Toldson shared a personal story with the Prairie View family about his own family. He has a special relationship with Prairie View because at one time his stepfather was a Professor at the university. It had been years since Dr. Toldson had been to PVAMU but he stated he appreciated how the PVAMU family made him feel at home.



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